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Good afternoon, Chairman Burke, Vice Chairman Huffman, ranking member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee. My name is Dennis M. Doody, M.D. and I am a proponent of Senate Resolution 41. I am a physician in the specialty of Pediatrics in Columbus. I am a 1974 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health. I have an appointment to The Ohio State University as an adjunct assistant clinical professor of Pediatrics. I served a residency in Pediatrics at The Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital from 1974 to

1977. I began the private practice of Pediatrics in 1977.

I am here today in support of Senate Resolution 41 “to urge the Congress of the United States, as expeditiously as possible, to enact a Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.”

As a pediatric resident and thereafter, I have had occasion to be called to the delivery room to attend distressed newborn babies who needed resuscitation following birth. Taking care of such babies is critical care. Babies must receive neonatal resuscitation *immediately* after emerging from the birth canal.

I once had occasion to be assigned to the NICU when one day a nurse from another unit of the hospital suddenly entered the NICU carrying a round stainless steel pan containing a small baby. The nurse told me that the baby had been born as a result of an abortion on the

gynecology/antepartum unit of that hospital. She reported that she had seen movement of the precordium (the chest in the area of the heart). Having observed this movement of the precordium, the nurse concluded that the baby was still alive after being born.

Upon observing the baby, it appeared there was no sign of life. The nurse wanted me to admit the baby to the NICU. It was decided that there was no resuscitation possible for the deceased baby and so the baby was not admitted to the NICU.

Observing this situation, I was impressed by the image of the dead baby and the distressed nurse carrying the baby in a cold stainless steel pan. The baby was so small that there would have been no way to resuscitate such a small infant.

The NICU nurses and I saw that baby who had

recently died from an abortion. It left a lasting image in my mind and I am sure in the minds of the pediatric nursing staff in the NICU. I would respectfully like to ask you to try to imagine what we and the baby's mother experienced that day. Please imagine what it would be like for you if you were to see a person killed before your very eyes perhaps by a weapon or by a motor vehicle. As a rule, only public servants such as law enforcement officers, E.M.S., military personnel, and health care providers could witness people who have been mortally wounded. I would think that any person with even a little empathy and mercy would not be able to deprive living babies of help to breathe as they lie in a cold steel pan gasping for breath.

If you could imagine yourselves as witnessing the deliberate killing of newborn infants, I hope you will acquire a new awareness of why neglecting to provide medical care for babies

born-alive following abortion is so wrong and so inhumane.

I ask you to vote yes on Senate Resolution 41 to petition the United States Congress to protect the lives of all American babies who survive abortion by enacting a federal law to require all states to help all babies who survive abortions.

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony. I will be pleased to respond to any questions you might have.